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ALTONA WON'T HELP REFUGE

The struggling Western Region Women's Refuge Group will not get any help from council.

The refuge, which provides emergency shelter for women and children, was given an annual \$30,000 grant by the Federal Labor Government.

"As a result of a halt in financing under the new Government, the refuge must now look to other sources of funds to maintain the provision of temporary shelter for women and their children who have come from violent and/or traumatic situations," a letter to the council says.

The refuge is based in Moonee Ponds — a central suburb in the region.

The letter from the group said the cost of running the shelter is \$30,000 a year, and all councils in the region were being asked to help bear the burden for next year.

Each council is asked to provide \$4000.

Commenting on the request, the town clerk, Mr. Sid Fell, told the councillors at a meeting of the general purposes committee, that the Salvation Army in Altona will soon provide "similar emergency shelter."

"Accordingly, I recommend that the council not agree to the Moonee Ponds group request," he said.

Mr. Fell's recommenda-

tion was adopted by councillors on a motion by Cr. Alan Shaw and Cr. Daniel Duane.

Lieutenant Ray Finger, of the Salvation Army in Altona, said the accommodation to be provided, in Queen Street, would be "a general purpose unit."

"It will provide, we hope, for two families for

about three weeks at a time, and will give shelter to families thrown out of their homes, or women and children in need of a temporary roof.

"We also hope to offer the two buildings as holiday homes — we are close to the beach — to needy people in the west," he said.

Court house, police station next year

Altona will get a new court house and police station complex next year.

Plans for the multi-purpose building are being prepared this financial year by the Public Works Department.

The building will be constructed on land donated by Altona council nine years ago, at the corner of McArthur Road and Cooper Avenue in Altona North.

Details of the proposed project are not yet available from the police or the Public Works Department.

The project had been planned to go ahead during the 1976-77 financial year, but finance, and a proposed district police office relocation held up the development.

At present all court cases involving Altona residents, or cases occurring in Altona, are heard at the new Williamstown court-house.

Mr. Vance Dickie, the Chief Secretary, recently announced that "providing finance is available," work on the station and court house in Altona North would begin in the 1977-78 financial year.

The police station will include a driving licence-testing station.

Altona's present police station, in Blyth Street, will remain after the opening of the new building.

Commenting on the lapse of time between Altona's gift of the Altona North land, and the building of the complex, the mayor, Cr. Les Crofts, said he understood the government's tardiness.

"It's perfectly simple — Altona's crime rate is so low most other areas

in Victoria were given priority," he said.

Girl wants garden job

A student at Penleigh Presbyterian Ladies' College, in Essendon, wants a job working in Altona's parks and gardens department.

Leonie Carter, a fifth form student, has applied to council for an apprenticeship in gardening.

She has asked for any information or application forms the council could send, and states: "I am extremely keen to obtain an apprenticeship in gardening, as I enjoy outdoor life. I am very interested in gardening and enjoy working hard."

Leonie, who lives in St. Albans, says her subjects in form five are English, graphics, physical education, legal studies, geography and social studies.

Commenting on the letter, the city engineer, Mr. Ralph Simmons, said the superintendent of parks and gardens, Mr. Boyd, "favors the idea of employing a second apprentice, and has no objection to a female being appointed."

He recommended that applications for an apprentice be advertised in district newspapers.

Cr. Steve Clements, seconded by the mayor, Cr. Les Crofts, moved for the adoption of the recommendation, and that Leonie be advised of the council's action.

Quarry shopping centre delay

The shopping complex planned for Humes Quarry in Millers Road, Altona North, is being held up by the Country Roads Board.

The Board of Works, without notifying the CRB, issued a land use permit for the complex, on the west side of Millers Road between Duosa and Beuron roads.

The facilities proposed by the developers to cope with the traffic expected when the centre is open do not satisfy the CRB.

Altona's city engineer, Mr. Ralph Simmons, told councillors last week that unless both Duosa and

Beuron roads are widened, the Millers Road-Duosa Road intersection altered, and traffic lights installed in Millers Road "serious traffic problems could be expected."

The work would be the onus of the shopping complex developers.

Following a meeting of council officers and CRB staff, Mr. Simmons recommended that the architects of the complex — Buchan, Laird and Buchan and the consultants adjacent to the O'Connor and Beveridge — be advised that council would approve plans subject to:

• Millers Road being widened south of the proposed entry-exit to the complex.

• Traffic lights being installed adjacent to the entry-exit point.

• Duosa Road is widened on the north between Millers Road and Lanshaw Street.

• Alterations are made at the intersection of Millers and Duosa Roads to the satisfaction of the CRB.

• Beuron Road is widened on the north between Millers Road and the entry-exit point for delivery vehicles.



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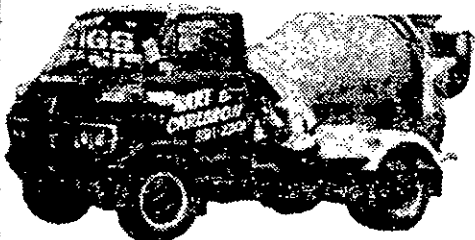
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Cattle cost council \$910 for keep, feed

Clerk of courts at Williamstown made his customary call for the defendant to appear before the magistrate. However, in this case, it was a call with a difference . . .

Instead of the usual first, middle and surname of whoever was to be charged, the clerk, somewhat embarrassed called.

"Owner Unknown of Wandering Cattle". The constable at the door of the court (who has the job of repeating names to the crowd gathered outside) did a slight double-take before asking for the "name" again.

He returned with a grin: "No appearance, Your Worship."

Owner Unknown had been charged by Altona City Council with allowing 52 head of cattle to roam free in Queen Street, Altona.

Mr. Robert Heyen, the city council ranger, told Mr. D. Scully, SM, he had been called to Queen Street on Wednesday, September 8, after a complaint made at the council offices.

"There I saw 52 head of cattle wandering along the roadway. They were impounded, after rounding-

up, in an Altona paddock," he said.

"No-one has come forward to claim the cattle, and we are asking for a court order so that the animals can be sold.

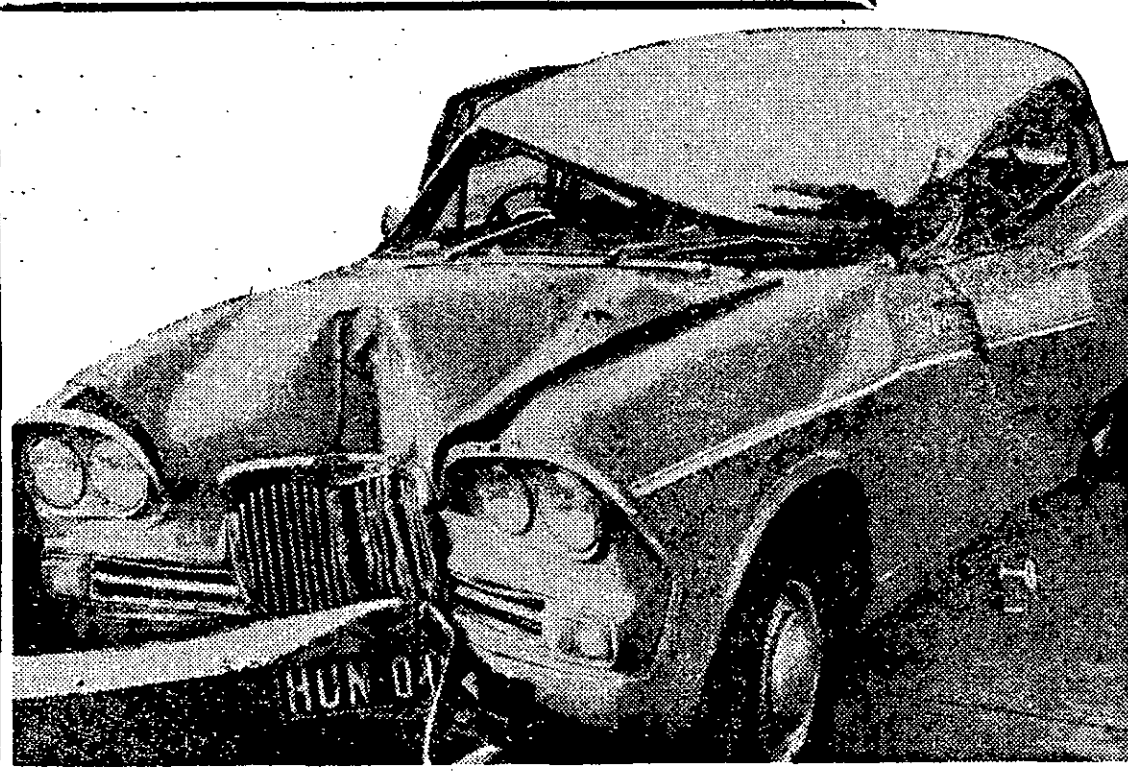
"We have had to lease land for the seven days we have kept them, and feeding has cost us \$2.50 a head each day.

"As well, an advertisement placed in 'The Age' cost us \$58.71, and duty stamps have added to the expense of caring for the cattle," Mr. Heyen said.

He told the court that in all, the cost had totalled \$985.

Mr. Scully arrived at a figure of \$910 in total expenses, and \$63 in costs. He also imposed a \$260 fine on the owner unknown.

In order for you to recompense yourselves for all this expenditure, the court will issue the necessary order for the cattle to be sold, and the money can then be used to repay you for all your trouble," he said.



Driver, 84, died in this car

The 84-year-old driver of this car died in it at Spotswood last Thursday afternoon.

Police from the Mobile Traffic Squad, who attended the accident, believe he may have suffered a heart attack and died before the accident.

The car first hit an electric light pole, ripping down wires, then careered out of control and hit the back of a truck.

The accident occurred in Hyde Street, near the West Gate Bridge about 2 p.m.

Killed was Mr. Henry Battersby, of Bunbury Street, Footscray. He was alone in the car at the time.

The driver of the tray truck, Mr. Edward Arthur Jolly, of Werribee, suffered from shock but was not injured.

A report on the accident is being prepared for the coroner.

Altona factories under fire

Altona's petro-chemical companies have come under attack from Sunshine's new Mayor, Cr. Herb Hollingworth.

He has said that one of the most important investigations of the Western Region Environmental Committee was into the possible pollution effects of petro-chemical industries.

Cr. Hollingworth said the manufacture of styrene polymer, a base material for many plastics, directly concerned Sunshine because it was made in an area close to a Sunshine Housing Commission estate.

The committee represents nine councils in the western region, and Sunshine is represented by Cr. Joan Lowe and the chief health inspector, Mr. Norrie Goff.

Senior Health inspector, Mr. Ray Davies, is secretary.

Two of the committees main aims are:

- Improving the whole environment of the west of Melbourne.
- Clarifying pollution issues and problems, often assisted by company representatives.

The mayor said Sunshine Council was right behind all moves to "clean up" the west of Melbourne.

It would support a detailed proposal for a co-ordinated programme being prepared by the committee.

They help hospital

The annual meeting of the Altona District Hospital women's auxiliary elected the following office-bearers:

President, Mrs. Gwen McDonald; vice-president, Mrs. Molly Harris; secretary, Mrs. Barbara Brown; assistant secretary and ticket secretary, Mrs. Kate Anthony; treasurer, Mrs. Dort Hagen; committee, Mrs. Dulcie Shaw, Mrs. Colleen McGraw, Mrs. Hans Hetharia, Mrs. Irene Allen.

New members are welcome. For more information, phone 398 2762 or 398 2406.

Diabetics to meet

Auxiliary members of the local branch of the Victorian Diabetic Association will meet in the Masonic Hall, Hampshire Road, Sunshine, on Monday, September 27, starting at 7.30 p.m.

A film called *The Modern Diabetic* will be shown after the meeting, and there will also be supper. All visitors are welcome.

For more information ring the publicity officer, G. Edwards, on 391 2191.

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Overseas teachers for the west

Eight teachers from overseas have been posted to western school.

They are part of the last big batch of overseas teachers to be recruited by the Victorian Education Department.

The department's assistant director in charge of recruitment said, "These could be among the last of the overseas teachers to come to Victoria."

"A final decision on recruiting next year has not been made, but even if it continues it will be at a vastly reduced level."

The teachers recruited to start the third term in Victoria included 202 from America, and 112 from Britain.

Posted to western schools were: Toni Bryan, Altona North High School; John Okerstrom, James Skeen, Werribee High

School; Joseph Schofield, Primary School; Barry Laverton Primary School; Masin, Paisley High School; Karen Johnson, North High School; Carol Sunshine North Technical Maffey, Newport West School.

Social club's supper dance

Williamstown's Prince Albert social club will conduct a supper dance on Friday, October 8.

The dance will be at the Williamstown Technical School's A. W. Treweek Hall, from 7.30 pm. to 12.30 am.

Hot savories will be served continually throughout the night.

The all-inclusive charge is \$7.50 for members of the club and \$8.50 for non-members.

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Applications for membership of the club can also be lodged at the hotel.

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The Annual Meeting of the Altona Youth Club will be held on Monday 27th September at 8 p.m. in the Altona Youth Hall, Civic Parade, Altona.

This meeting is open to any person/persons interested in furthering sport and recreation for the youth of Altona and the surrounding areas.

Anyone interested is welcome.

Load hit bridge \$150 fine

An Altona truck driver whose load hit a railway bridge in Hyde Street, Footscray, was fined \$150 at Footscray Court last Thursday.

Keith Stanbury, of Norrendene Avenue, did not appear to answer a charge of carrying a load higher than the law permits.

Constable Stephen Wickson, of Footscray police, told Mr. W. Guy, SM, he went to the scene on July 7.

He measured the height of the load and found it was 14 ft. 2 in.

Stanbury said he did not know the load was over the legal limit.

Mr. Guy ordered that in default of payment of the fine, Stanbury be imprisoned for 15 days.

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The lady next door upsets the Turtle Vandal bikie fined \$250

A "sustained act of vandalism" cost a 20-year-old ex-bikie \$250 in Williamstown Court on Thursday.

Terrence Collins, known to his friends as 'Turtle', pleaded guilty to a charge of wilful damage to a house in North Road, Newport.

The court was told Collins a process worker, of Crown Street, Laverton, had been a member of a bikie group based at a house in North Road last month.

Senior Constable Alan Cordy of the Ascot Vale Crime Car Squad, said he interviewed Collins at the house on August 22.

"There were three males and three females living on the property, but many other young people visited

and occasionally slept there," he said.

He told the court the group spent its time fixing motor bikes and playing records.

Sen Const. Cordy said Collins told him in an interview that the record player was usually turned down about 11.30 each night, but that evening "the lady next door was seen going down the road towards the police station at 10.30".

The record of interview

continued: "Later on I thought I'd get my money back for two bottles of beer I'd bought, and to pay the lady back for getting the police."

"I took the gate off (the house next door), turned their water off, pulled some fence palings off and sat them in the side path, took a door handle off and threw it on the roof, and then pulled the auction sign out of the front yard."

"Then one of the mates hoisted me up on to the roof — I intended to unscrew the television antenna."

"But I slipped, and bent the antenna rods as I fell off towards the police station."

"We then saw the man from the house walking off towards the police station."

In the witness box, Collins said he had been annoyed with the woman for calling the police, but was sorry for what he had done.

His father told Mr. D. Scully SM, he was shocked when he heard of the charges brought against his son.

"He comes from a happy home and is a quiet well-behaved boy. He has told me he now doesn't associate with the sort of people he was with when this happened."

Collins' counsel unsuccessfully pleaded for a good behavior bond or a probationary period, pointing out that his client had no convictions.

"This behavior was out of character, and he is most contrite," he said.

However, Mr. Scully said for a "sustained act of vandalism like this" he could impose a six-month jail sentence.

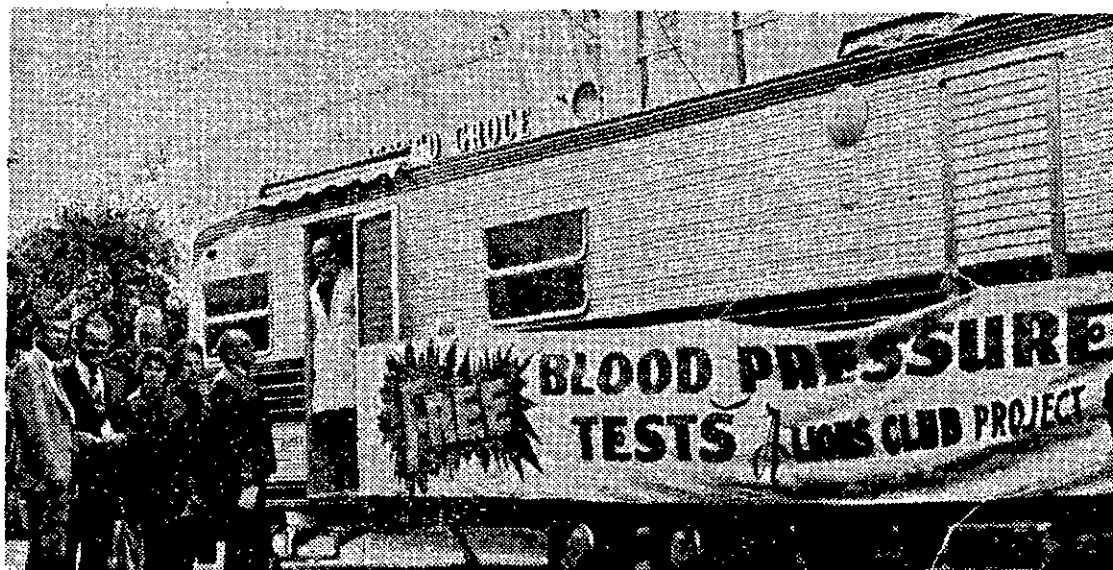
"There are no mitigating circumstances here," he added.

"You can't water down these offences by taking them one by one. He was found digging up someone's front garden, and there is the matter of \$150 in damage."

"The only appropriate means of dealing with him is to impose a substantial fine, \$250 in default 25 days imprisonment."

The court was told that the owners of the house were not pressing any claims for damage. The building was dilapidated and up for auction.

Lifesavers — quick and free



• The latest project to be run by the Williamstown Lions Club, a blood pressure testing clinic, could well save your life.

The mobile clinic, which can test for high blood pressure in just a few minutes, will be in the Williamstown Town Hall car park from today (Wednesday) to Saturday.

It will be open from 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. No appointments are necessary.

"The testing is a simple and painless procedure, but it could very well save your life or keep you from having

a heart attack or a stroke later on," said president of the club, Mr. Tom Saker.

"That's because if you are one of the one people in 10 who have high blood pressure and don't know it, you can begin treatment now, bring it under control and reduce the risk."

"We once made jokes about people with high blood pressure. Anyone who was red-faced or had a short temper was thought to have this sort of trouble."

The Lions' free blood pressure testing clinic will be at Williamstown until Saturday.

Young in a cruel Trap 22

Jobless young people, especially in the western region, are caught in a cruel trap — a sort of Trap 22.

Many employers seem to have hardened their hearts against the young.

Latest official figures show that of 62,397 registered unemployed in Victoria at the end of August 23,935 were "juniors" (under 21). But in parts of the west the jobless young amount to nearly 50 per cent. of the total.

Employment officers are deeply concerned. One of them, Mr. Gerry Nooney, manager of the Newport branch of the Commonwealth Employment Service, made this eloquent appeal this week on behalf of the young:

"I call on employers, particularly local ones, to revise their thinking about young people seeking jobs."

"Many employers regard young applicants as irresponsible, unstable and a risk to employ."

"Too many are seeking the hypothetically 'perfect' applicant — married, aged about 30, settled, with two children, a mortgage, a stable work history and plenty of work experience."

"Employers naturally are puzzled when they see so many out of work but have trouble getting the sorts of people they want to employ."

"They must realise that a large proportion of the people out of work are young people."

"And it is probably as hard now as it ever was to find the 'perfect' applicant."

"While I don't suggest that all young people are perfect, I would urge employers to consider each

case on its merits rather than impose the blanket age restrictions so common at present."

"The National Employment and Training System (NEAT) administered by the CES can be used to overcome the lack of experience many young people suffer from."

"I invite employers to help young people break what has become a Catch 22 situation — one needs experience to get a job but one needs a job to get experience."

"At the end of August, in the area covered by the Newport office of the CES about 400, nearly 50 per cent. of the people registered as unemployed, were under 21. The total number of vacancies for young people held by the office at the same time was two."

Other employment offices in the region — at Footscray, Sunshine, St. Albans and Altona — also give a dark picture of the plight of the young.

The Commonwealth Government has just acknowledged the special problem of young people with a decision by Cabinet to increase subsidies to employers under the NEAT scheme.

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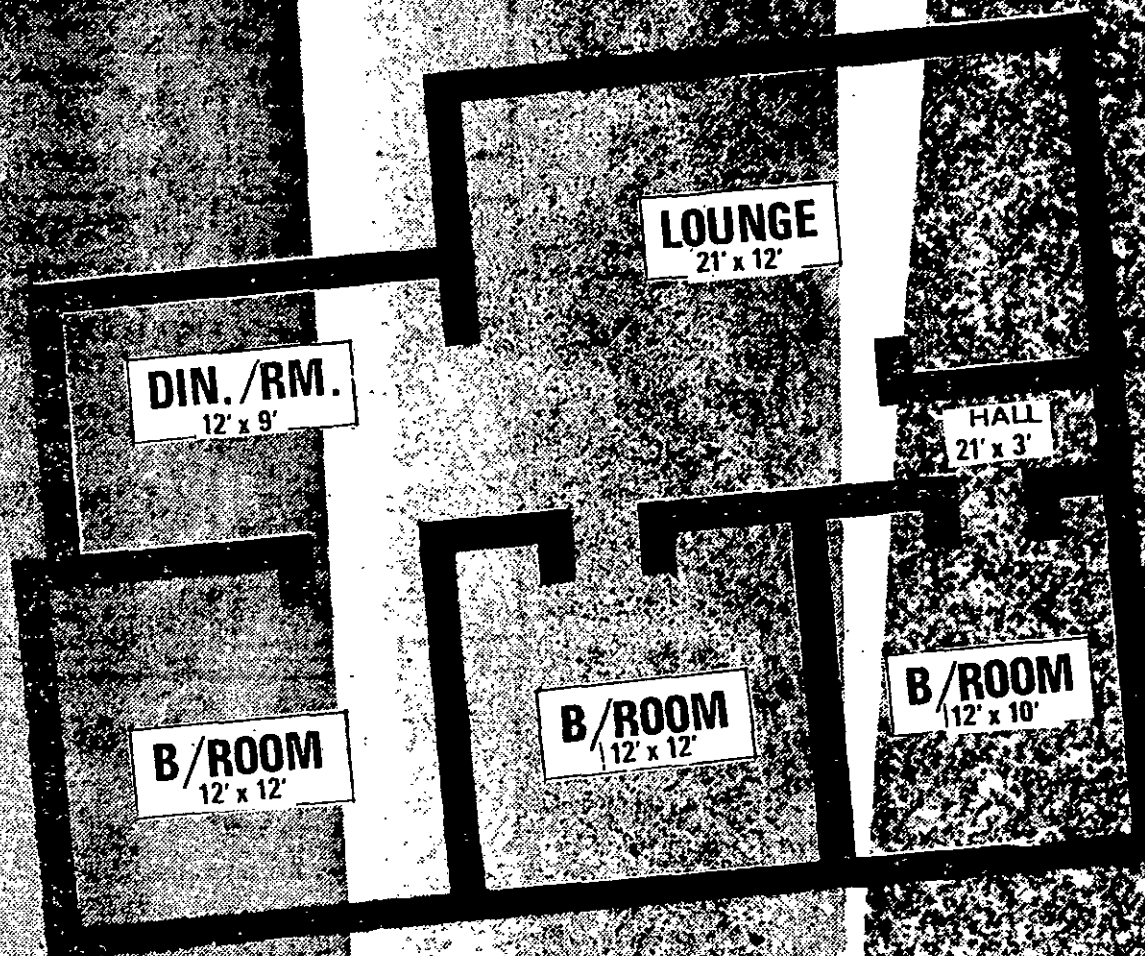


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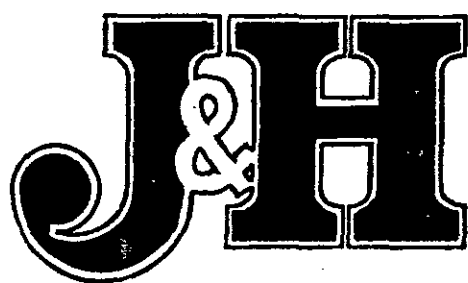
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Limelight thieves

Two 15-year-old girls stole the limelight at last week's meeting of Altona's councillors.

Joanne Roadley and Mandy Drane, both Altona Hockey Club members, recently represented Victoria in the under 16 State team competing in the national hockey championships.

The team finished equal third in the championships.

Call for English tutors

Many migrants in the western suburbs, especially women, have a great need — to learn English. Can you spare an hour a week? To become a tutor?

Tutors need no special qualifications. Volunteers are given a training course of three two-hour sessions.

The first of these courses will be held at the Methodist Outreach Centre, 10a Hyde Street, Footscray, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 on September 28, October 5 and 12.

The home-tutor scheme has the co-operation of the Commonwealth Department of Education.

It aims to help build social contact between English and non-English speaking people to try to break down the isolation many migrants face.

If you would like to volunteer to be a tutor, please get in touch with Mrs. Thelma Schaefer on 68 2301, between 12.30 and 2.30 on Mondays and 9.15 and 11 a.m. on Fridays.

Mr A.W. Dawes

Mr. Alfred Watson Dawes, a resident of Jack Street, Newport, for the past 30 years, died suddenly last week.

Mr. Dawes, a plumber, had been working at the Ammunition Factory, Gordon Street, Footscray, for nearly 10 years.

Born in Eaglehawk, near Bendigo, he spent most of his early years in Yarraville.

In recent years he was a regular member at the Koorling Golf Club and was also a keen supporter of the Footscray Football Club.

He is survived by his daughters Dianne (Mrs. Campbell) and Lorraine (Mrs. West).

Mr. Dawes is predeceased by his wife, Naomi.

A funeral service was held at Nelson Brothers Chapel, Footscray, on Tuesday.

Problems of the young

Altona North Social worker Miss Gina Fiske, talks about her work and the problems of young people at the Paisley High School on Tuesday September 28.

The public is invited. Admission is by donation and supper will be served.

The talk has been arranged by the school's parents and citizens association. The secretary is Mrs. S. E. Jones, 391 2394.

The girls, wearing their State blazers and skirts, were presented with certificates honoring their achievement in sport by the Mayor, Cr. Les Crofts last week.

The CAE needs you

The Council of Adult Education is looking for people in the West who can teach their fellow man something.

No formal training in teaching is needed. Applicants simply need some experience in their field, and an ability to make a course interesting.

The council is planning to open two adult non-vocational courses in the west next year.

They will be held at St. Albans and Williamstown. The problems is finding people who are willing to teach in the evening.

The aim is to offer a wide range of non-vocational, non-examination courses catering to leisure-time personal and social interests.

There are almost no limits on the range of courses the council is prepared to offer — if teachers can be found.

The council's current programme, which is largely confined to the Eastern suburbs, includes such subjects as current affairs, psychology, parent education, gardening, migrant English, basic maths, navigation and car

Art and craft

Williamstown Grammar School, 67-68 The Strand, will hold its first arts and crafts show on Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3.

More than 160 paintings by local and interstate artists will be on show for sale.

So will sculpture, china-painting, pottery and cottage crafts.

Artists exhibiting include L. and M. Sands, N. J. and K. Savage, Judith Rutherford, Louis Kahan, G. Bonham, W. Carrington, P. Parris and P. Stone.

There will be sculpture by Pino Calati and Eric Heffernan, of Southport, will exhibit landscapes and give demonstrations.

Paul wins again

Paul Miles, 19, has won Williamstown High School's table tennis club leading player award for the third time.

Paul was captain of the victorious A-reserve premiership team, and had the season figures of 41 wins for only six losses.

Runners-up for the best and fairest award were C-grade title-winning heroes Geoff Van Wyngaarden, 20, and Jason Warland, 14.

Three players were presented with life memberships at the annual meeting of the club last week. They are: Richardson, 20, Raymond Lear, 16, and Andrew Gibson, 18.

Awards presented were: Van Dyke Toophy (best and fairest), Paul Miles. Runnersup: Geoff Van Wyngaarden, Jason Warland. Most rubbers won during season, Geoff Van Wyngaarden (54-7).

Certificate for 150 season wins, Luciano Azzopardi (169-29). 100 wins: Paul Miles, Terry Fogarty, Guido Azzopardi, Chris Elliott, Geoff Van Wyngaarden, Garry Hoffmann, Peter Nedeljkovic, Andrew Gibson.

Friendly hour to follow church

A 'Friendly Hour' will follow the evening service at St. John's Methodist Church, Williamstown, next Sunday.

The service, at 7 p.m. will be conducted by the circuit minister, the Rev Laurie Slee, and the social function will be at 8 p.m.

The 10 a.m. service at St. John's will be conducted by Mr. Russell Dancey, minister of Westgate Methodist-Prebyterian joint parish.

St. John's Tennis Club's annual meeting will be held tonight (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock.

The evening guild is organising a fashion parade in the Pascoe Street Hall at 8 p.m. next Tuesday.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for pensioners and children. Supper is included.

Spotswood Methodist Church will celebrate its anniversary next Sunday.

Guest preacher at the 10.45 a.m. service will be the Rev. Andrew Pearce, of Footscray Methodist Mission, which conducts the Outreach Community Aid centre in Footscray.

"LARGE PRINT" PAPER NOW AT NEWSAGENTS

"The Age" Large Print Weekly — the first newspaper in the Southern Hemisphere produced especially for people with sight problems, has changed its distribution arrangements.

Response to the paper has far exceeded expectation, and distribution throughout the State has simply grown beyond the resources of the welfare committee handling it.

Now, "The Age" has become responsible for distribution and the paper is available by order from newsagents.

A BYO luncheon will follow at noon and at 2 p.m. a musical hour will conclude the celebrations.

Midweek church, at 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 30, will be conducted by Mr. Slee.

The 9.30 a.m. service at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Methodist Church, Williamstown next Sunday will be conducted by Mr. K. Bratby.

Preacher at Westgate Presbyterian - Methodist church will be the minister of St. Stephen's, the Rev. Chester Hodge.

The church minister, the Rev. H. M. Moorhouse, will conduct the 11 a.m. service at Williamstown Congregational Church.

Club asks for views

The Western Twenties Club has written to its members seeking advice on what they expect out of the club.

The committee's letter points out that while there are 120 to 125 financial members, these numbers are not reflected in attendances at club functions.

It says people join and attend one or two functions and are never seen again. Some attend only every fifth function or so.

The committee wants to know from its members just what it can do to increase popularity of functions.

The letter adds that the committee is aware that weekend functions are popular, but points out that there are difficulties in holding these regularly. Another problem is finding suitable venues.

There is, however, a change of venue for the next party, and it is detailed in the newsletter.



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NAT'L News. Syn.

Festival Hall grand final

by alan burkitt

Altona City, the Vikings, withstood an early battering from Brooklyn to race away with the 1976 Western Suburban Football League Sunday premiership at Werribee at the weekend.

This is the club's sixth premiership in seven years.

Coach of the seniors, Mal Tisdale, playing his last game, collapsed after being downed twice in the first few minutes of the game.

He was treated for concussion in hospital, and returned at half-time to spur his team on.

The day was marred by the senseless brawling of spectators. At every interval players had to be protected as fights broke out.

At three-quarter time there must have been nearly 200 people on the oval.

There were facial cuts and torn clothing as the brawling got right out of hand, and involved supporters from all parts of the west, not only from the competing clubs.

The Altona players were magnificent, they refused to be swayed by the rough

tactics of Brooklyn, and had the game virtually sewn up at half-time when they led by seven goals. There was not a weak player in the team, and they added another eight goals in the third term to Brooklyn's four.

The last quarter saw Brooklyn actually outscore the Vikings, but by then the game was won, and it was only a matter of playing out time.

For Altona, no-one played better than Danny Brennan. As a ruck rover he was in everything, and won kicks all over the ground.

Wayne Jones in the centre was also in fine form, and Andrew Donnelly took his season's total to 110 with seven great goals.

Peter Mildenhall, who played in Williamstown's premiership team two weeks ago, and rover Gordon Wilson were rarely

beaten, but even with these individual stars, it was a real team effort that won the day.

The Vikings have now lost only one game in two years. With good reserves and a lot of junior teams they will be a force for many years.

SCORES: Altona City: 5.2, 13.3, 21.6, 25.9 (159), Brooklyn: 4.5, 5.7, 9.10, 14.13 (97).

BEST: D. Brennan, W. Jones, G. Wilson, P. Mildenhall, A. Donnelly, A. Walgers.

RESERVES

The Viking reserves were beaten by Central Altona in a good game that was close all day. Centrals were fortunate in being able to select a few players from their senior side, which was eliminated in the preliminary final by Brooklyn.

Those players were the difference between two even sides. Central only did what City would have done had their seniors not been in the grand final and, as was said after the game: "At least we kept it in Altona."

Centrals won the game with a more purposeful forward line. The Viking back line played well, but were unable to stop their taller opponents from scoring. Edi Puhar was the best of the back line at full back.

Young Steven Shiels and the experienced Joe O'Connor were two who won well. Shiels on a wing and O'Connor in the centre. Frank Grego started well at centre half back and kept up his good form when moved to centre half forward after half time.

SCORES: Altona City: 10.9 (69), lost to Central Altona 12.18 (90).

BEST: S. Shiels, J. O'Connor, E. Puhar, F. Grego, P. Gardner, J. Scott.

Altona's hockey pennant

Altona won the B2 grade hockey grand final on Saturday to bring home the club's first senior premiership since 1972.

The boys beat Waverley 3-2 in a tight, defensive game.

The ball gradually swung Altona's way as Peter Byrne, Peter Symons and Tony Austin took control.

Chris Bruce was brought down in the circle by the Waverley goalkeeper, but Robbie Byrne failed to convert the resulting penalty stroke.

However, he did score after receiving a good pass from Peter Symons.

A defence error allowed Waverley to convert a penalty stroke, but in general play Altona was still on top.

Symons accepted a pass to drive home a great goal and put Altona in the lead.

He continued to break through the Waverley backs in the second half, and again scored.

Altona best: Symons (best afield), Byrne, A. Austin, M. Kroll.

The club's presentation night will be held on Friday, October 1, followed by the annual meeting on Thursday, October 7.

Gulls help their fledglings



Williamstown is really kicking on. The smaller ones on the right of the picture are firmly in the bootstaps of Colin Boyd (left) and Bob Percy (holding the ball), the Seagulls' two top players.

The ball was a presentation to the South Williamstown Primary School, whose footy team won the local schools' competition and was runner-up in a big competition for schools in the western region.

The tall boy beside Bob Percy is Ian Fairlie, South Willie's footy star.

The Williamstown Football Club helped the school team during the year. And gave much encouragement to coach Bill Black (school vice principal) and Ken McCallum (school principal).

Percy named best

Williamstown Football Club seniors, premiers in the VFA second division, have named Robert Percy as their best and fairest player for the season.

Colin Boyd, who won the second-division's Field award, was the Gulls' runner-up.

Peter Kerr was third. John Fanning was named the best in the final series.

Premiers and champions

Williamstown Under-13s are premiers and championship in their class in the Western Suburban Football League.

They beat Westport by 9.7 to 1.1 at Chirnside Park on Saturday.

Williamstown's Under-12 side also played in a grand final but lost to ANBY. Westport had the best of the first 10 minutes of the Under-13 grand final but desperate play by Williamstown's Hughes, Ward and Marshall kept them scoreless.

Michael McDonald took a great mark and goaled for Town. Westgate replied immediately through Crombie, levelling the scores.

Williamstown got three more goals in the second quarter when Westport failed to score.

After half time John Barnett (Williamstown), nullified earlier, began to win in the ruck and bring other players into the game.

Williamstown's strong defence kept Westport scoreless again.

Williamstown. 9.7.61 d Westport 1.1.7

Williamstown best: Hughes, Lovell, Bratby, Barnett, Selvidge, James, Duckworth, Weiderstein.

Goals: Lovell 4, Mibalsky 2, M. McDonald, James, Hughes.

In the Under-12 grand final, Williamstown kicked with a gusty wind but they were lethargic and ANBY got three quick goals before Town replied through Ian Fairlie.

Williamstown lifted their play in the third quarter and attacked strongly in the last but ANBY hung on tenaciously.

A N B Y 7.4.46 d Williamstown 3.4.22.

Lacrosse girls' 12th title

The Williamstown Women's Lacrosse Club A-grade team has won its 12th successive premiership with a 1-0 win over Newport.

The goal was scored in the first five minutes of play by Williamstown captain Vivienne Grant on the forward line.

Town goalie, Leonie Parker, played a dashing and co-ordinated game, combining well with the backline.

The B-grade premiership went to Newport, who beat Williamstown 7-6.

Williamstown was losing 6-2 at half-time, and came on for the second term determined to win. The team played a strong game, but could not make up the one-goal difference before the final whistle.

Scorers for Town were J. Granger, 4, P. Molloy and C. Hilton.

Williamstown club awards for the year were: A-grade — Best and fairest, C. McVeigh; most consistent, S. Barnaby.

B-grade — Best and fairest, C. Hilton; most consistent, S. Atkinson.

Best first-year player, R. Sheedy; special award, J. Morse; best clubman, V. Grant; 150 games, F. Pepper and V. Grant; 100 games, S. Granger, J. Granger, S. Valdemarin.

Junior club award night

John Rafferty and Chris Brown were the top award winners at Altona City Football Club's annual junior presentation night last week.

John won best and fairest trophy for the under-17 team, and Chris the under-13 trophy.

Runners-up were Peter Stephens (U-17) and Allan Owens.

Best finals player in the under-13 team was a tie between Carl Money and Ian Johns.

Newport beat neighbors

Newport were too good for neighbors West Newport in the grand final of the Western Suburban Football League Saturday competition.

After shooting to an early lead Newport held sway for most of the game and finally won by 35 points.

Newport 18.12 (120) d West Newport 12.7 (79).

Best: B. Carrick, P. Carrick, J. Bester, K. Withers, T. McRea, G. Carroll, C. Menzies.

Goals: Carrick 5, Molone, Woods 3, Withers, G. Carroll 2, McRea, Menzies, Potter.

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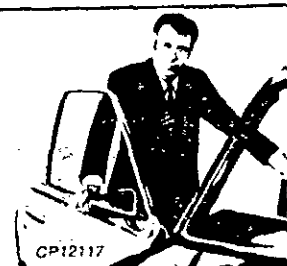
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